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7.30 " to 8.00 "	every 15 minutes	Stop
8.00 " to 8.30 "	every 10 "	Stop
8.30 "	8.20 "	Non Stop
8.37 "	8.27 "	Stopping
8.47 "	8.37 "	Non Stop
8.54 "	8.44 "	Stopping
8.54 "	8.44 "	Non Stop
9.00 "	8.50 "	Stopping
9.00 "	8.50 "	Non Stop
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	every 10 minutes	Stop
11.30 " to 12.30 " "	every 15 "	Stop
12.40 "	12.30 "	Non Stop
12.47 "	12.37 "	Stopping
12.57 "	12.47 "	Non Stop
1.04 "	1.04 "	Stopping
1.13 "	1.13 "	Non Stop
1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	every 10 minutes	Stop
4.00 " to 4.30 " "	every 15 "	Stop
4.30 " to 5.00 " "	every 10 "	Stop
5.00 "	4.50 "	Non Stop
5.07 "	4.57 "	Stopping
5.14 "	4.54 "	Non Stop
5.21 "	5.11 "	Stopping
5.28 "	5.18 "	Non Stop
5.35 "	5.25 "	Stopping
5.42 "	5.32 "	Non Stop
5.49 "	5.39 "	Stopping
5.56 "	5.46 "	Non Stop
6.03 "	5.53 "	Stopping
6.10 "	6.00 "	Non Stop

SUNDAYS		
7.30 a.m.	7.10 a.m.	Stop
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	every 15 minutes	Stop
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11.15 " to 12.00 noon	every 15 "	Stop
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	every 10 "	Stop
1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	every 15 "	Stop
2.30 " to 3.30 " "	every 10 "	Stop
3.30 " to 4.30 " "	every 15 "	Stop
4.30 " to 5.30 " "	every 10 "	Stop
5.30 "	5.20 "	Non Stop
5.37 "	5.27 "	Stopping
5.47 "	5.37 "	Non Stop
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6.00 "	5.50 "	Non Stop
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TIME-TABLE.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	5.41	8.35	9.15	10.25	12.00	1.15	4.54	5.27	7.09
Yanmat	5.51	8.45	9.25	10.35	12.05	1.27	4.55	5.37	7.20
Shatin	6.03	8.57	9.37	10.47	12.17	1.39	4.55	5.50	7.32
Taipei	6.17	9.11	9.51	11.01	12.31	1.53	5.08	6.03	7.45
Taipei Market	6.22	9.16	9.56	11.06	12.36	1.58	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanning	6.33	9.27	10.07	11.17	12.47	2.08	5.23	6.17	7.59
Sheung Shui	6.38	9.32	10.12	11.22	12.52	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
Shum Chun	6.44	9.38	10.18	11.28	12.58	2.16	5.33	6.27	8.09

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum Chun	7.22	8.06	8.23	10.37	11.40	2.58	4.36	5.12	6.05
Sheung Shui	7.29	8.13	8.34	10.44	11.47	3.05	4.44	5.19	6.12
Fanning	7.33	8.18	8.38	10.48	11.51	3.10	4.49	5.23	6.17
Taipei Market	7.43	8.29	8.48	10.58	12.02	3.21	5.01	5.33	6.27
Taipei	7.47	8.34	8.53	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.37	6.31
Shatin	8.00	8.47	9.05	11.16	12.21	3.40	5.23	5.50	6.44
Yanmat	8.14	8.59	9.18	11.28	12.34	3.53	5.37	6.03	6.56
Kowloon	8.23	9.08	9.26	11.36	12.42	4.01	5.46	6.10	7.04

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	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanning	7.43	11.39	8.30	8.30	Shatanok	8.30	10.15	1.05	5.00
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, January 22nd.

Following the trial match at Glasgow
the following team was selected to represent
Scotland against Wales at Inverleith,
Edinburgh, on Saturday, February 2nd:

Back

D. Drysdale, Heriot's F.P.'s.

Three-Quarters

A. C. Wallace, Oxford University.

A. L. Gracie, Harlequins.

G. P. S. Macpherson, Oxford University.

Ian S. Smith, Oxford University.

Half-Backs

H. Waddell, Glasgow Academicals.

W. E. Bryce, Selkirk.

Forwards

J. C. R. Buchanan, Stewart's College.

F.P.'s.

J. M. Bannerman, Glasgow High School.

F.P.'s.

D. M. Bertram, Watsonians.

J. R. Lavery, Leicester.

R. Howie, Kilmarnock.

A. Ross, Kilmarnock.

K. G. P. Hendrie, Heriot's F.P.'s.

A. C. Gillies, Watsonians.

The team contains one or two surprise
selections, and there are several notable
omissions, but it looks a fairly service-
able combination, although it is doubtful
if it is the best that can be produced.
The full back position was a certainty
for Drysdale, who enhanced an already
great reputation by a sound display in
the final trial. The three-quarter line is
a good one, although many think that it
might be improved. In the trial A. C.
Wallace ran stoutly and handled well
under difficult conditions, and A. L.
Gracie played cleverly as usual, and
fitted in well with the Oxford player. On
the right G. P. S. Macpherson and Ian
Smith proved a very capable pair, and
were good both in defence and attack.
Both H. Waddell and W. E. Bryce were
excellent, although their task was made
comparatively easy as a consequence of
the work achieved by the forwards.
There will be a difference of opinion con-
cerning the front division which has been
chosen, and it could have been bettered.
One is pleased to see J. R. Lavery restor-
ed to his old position in the pack, and
there can be no objection taken to the
return of D. M. Bertram, who played a
good game in the trial, and was one of
the best forwards on view. The surprise
to many is the omission of D. S. Davies
and L. M. Stuart.

CLUB GAMES.

Owing to the trial match the club
games were restricted in number. One
result, however, was important. Selkirk
succeeded where other Border clubs had
signally failed, and inflicted on Heriot's
School F.P.'s their third defeat for the
season; but the latter, who may now be
considered quite out of the running for
the Scottish Club Championship, are to
be commiserated with in having to take
the field with only one-third of their
usual side. The score was a close one—
8 to 9. There was little to choose between
Edinburgh Academicals and Stewart-
onians, the College winning by 18 to 11.
Melrose accounted for Royal High School
F.P.'s by 3 to 0; but another Border
club, Gala, were not successful, coming
down to Watsonians by 14 to 7. Insti-
tution gave Wanderers a good game though
they lost by 11 to 6.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

In the League, Hamilton made the
champions hustle; indeed Rangers and
another narrow escape. Clyde practically
walked home at Aberdeen; Airdrie con-
tinues to pound away, and got the odd
point at Ayr; they are keen to keep the
second place on the table. Hibs played
one of their best games in beating Third
Lanark. The O.P. amateurs made an-
other successful bid for safety by defeat-
ing Morton, and are now third from the
bottom of the table. Clyde is in a bad
way, and seems to be heading for relega-
tion.

BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL.

In a nine match test at Glasgow—two
gentlemen's singles, three gentlemen's
doubles, three mixed doubles, and one
ladies' doubles—Scotland beat Ireland by
six matches to three.

RAY TO STOP AEROPLANES

BRITISH SECRET PREVENTIVE.

On September 8th the *The Daily Mail*
published the news that the Germans had
found a secret means of stopping aer-
oplanes in flight. In no fewer than 12
cases French machines on the way from
France to Rumania, carrying passengers
and mails, were compelled by mysterious
engine failures to come down on German
territory.

In every instance the machine was
seized and the pilot in charge was pre-
vented from ascertaining what was the
precise cause of his engine stopping.

The news was received with general
incredulity, though General Estienne, the
creator of the French Tank service, a few
weeks later declared that the stoppage of
a motor from a distance by a wireless
wave acting upon the magnetos was quite
realisable in practice and would be of en-
ormous military importance.

The Daily Mail says it is now able to
state that the British authorities have
been for some time in possession of a con-
trivance, similar to the German one, for
putting out of action the magnetos of aer-
oplanes engines by wireless. Experiments
have been conducted with this contri-
vance, and it has now been ascertained
that by providing for the insulation of
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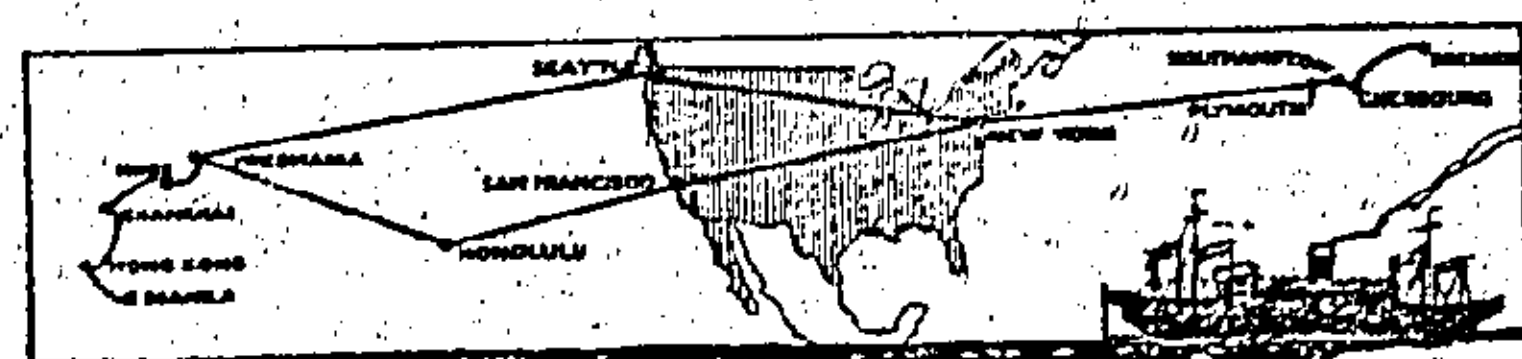
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COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

The thirty-fifth ordinary yearly meeting of the shareholders was held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, yesterday morning. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Chairman of directors) presided, and was supported by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Sir G. P. Chater, C.M.G. and Mr. J. P. Warren (directors), and Mr. F. R. Marsh (manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. W. G. Joseph, Chau Tsun Ni, L. J. Davies, L. E. Ozorio, F. M. Ellis, T. E. Pearce, J. T. Bagram, A. A. Alves, Leung Fattin, A. H. N. Da Silva, and Li Tse Fung.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the ten months ended December 31st, 1923, said:—

In accordance with the arrangements approved at the last general meeting we have altered the date of closing our financial year to December 31st, and the Report and Accounts now submitted deal only with the last ten months of 1923.

The net profit for the ten months after making due allowance for depreciation is \$743,181.33, and with the sum of \$130,178.81 brought forward from last account, we have \$873,360.14 for appropriation. With this we propose:—

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The amounts set aside for Reserve and carried forward to the next account are greater than usual, but in view of our heavy capital expenditure in the past, and contemplated expenditure on new works in the near future, we consider this prudent; and I trust this proposed allotment of the profits meets with your approval. Our business continues to expand at a satisfactory rate. During the ten months 1,500 new consumers were connected to our supply, and the sales of current amounted to sixteen million units, equal to the output for the previous twelve months. The greatest increase in demand has taken place in the West Point area, and in this district we have purchased a site for the purpose of erecting a sub-station during the present year.

Good progress has been made with the change of voltage on which we have expended \$173,253.39 during the ten months. During that period some 10,000 installations were changed over, and we believe the end of this work is now in sight.

You will notice that a sum of \$253,000, the profit on the sale of our old Wanchai Property, has been placed to a Special Reserve. This money has been set aside for the scheme of housing our staff and workmen approved at the meeting last year.

We have at present some 900 employees not counting unskilled labour employed by contract, and the housing of these is in our opinion desirable. A block of workmen's quarters is nearing completion at North Point, and if found satisfactory a second block will be erected on the same site. Negotiations for the purchase of a site for European Quarters have been in progress for some time, and we hope in the near future to be in a position to commence building.

The demand for electricity still shows signs of growing at a steady rate. Our generating plant at North Point has now a total capacity of 19,000 kilowatts, and to provide for future requirements we consider it will be necessary to install further generating plant in 1925, or perhaps earlier. All the available space in the buildings at North Point is taken up by the existing machinery and further extensions will necessitate a new building. We are at the present moment preparing plans for this extension of our plant up to 28,000 kilowatts and hope to start work on a new building in the early part of next year. Fresh capital will be required to finance these extensions and we propose to obtain powers during the next twelve months to increase our capital to ten million dollars, a portion of which will be issued in the early part of 1925.

There were no questions.

Mr. W. E. JOSEPH, in seconding the proposal, said:—

"I should like to congratulate the Directors on the very satisfactory figures presented, especially in view of the fact that the period under review is shorter by two months than that of last year. The appropriation of 23 lacs to Reserve Account, I feel sure, will be considered a wise continuation of a policy which the Company has followed in the past and which makes for soundness and stability. It is particularly pleasing to see the increased number of consumers and there is every reason to believe that this increase is likely to continue in the future, especially since the Colony is expanding so rapidly. I trust that the negotiations in progress for European quarters will come to a successful issue, as there is no doubt that the provision of such quarters will be most beneficial to all concerned. The continued increase in the demand for current would appear to justify the proposed extension of the plant up to 28,000 kilowatts. In conclusion, I think I speak for all the shareholders when I say that the excellent figures placed before us are in no small measure due to the untiring efforts of the Directors, the Manager, the Staff and the Company's Agents."

On the proposal of CHAU TSUN NI, seconded by Mr. G. MURRAY, the appointment of Mr. J. P. Warren, to the seat on the Board vacated by Mr. T. G. Weall on leaving the Colony was confirmed.

The Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and Sir Robert Ho Tung (retiring directors) were re-elected to the Board on the proposal of Mr. LEUNG YAN PO, seconded by Mr. L. J. Davies.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies were elected auditors (vice Mr. C. Bernard Brown) for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of \$1,000, on the proposal of Mr. T. E. PEARCE, seconded by Mr. F. M. ELLIS.

In closing the meeting the CHAIRMAN announced that Dividend Warrants would be ready to-day (Tuesday).

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

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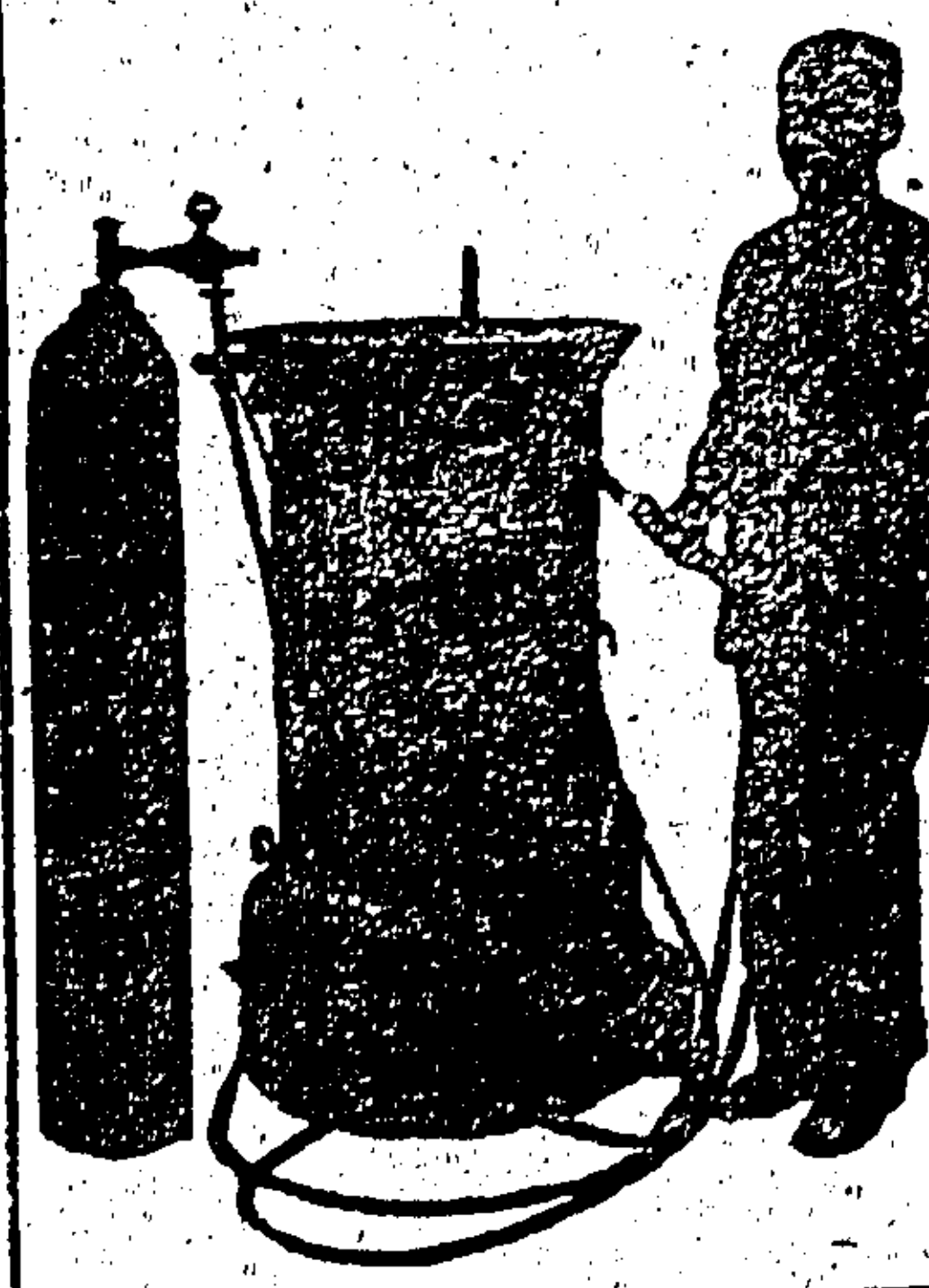
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THE HONGKONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

OPENED YESTERDAY.

The Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament, which is looked upon as the premier tennis tournament of the Colony, was opened yesterday when two very interesting matches were played off. In the Open Doubles S. A. and A. H. Rumjahn met Major C. Willson and Capt. R. Neville, defeating them by three straight sets, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1. In the Handicap Singles "A" two well-known exponents of the game were matched against one another. They were Lt. Com. Worthington, a likely winner of this year's open singles, and S. E. Green, an ex-champion of the Colony. Both players were owing heavy odds—Worthington (15-3) and Green (15-2). Green took the first game but lost the next two and thereby lost the match. The scores were: 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

Three matches are down for decision for today. They are:—
Open Doubles—L. Forster and A. S. Herts v. H. Wei Hing and Ho Ka Lam.
Club Championship—F. E. Redmond v. Lt. Com. R. E. Worthington.
Handicap Doubles—Major Campbell and Capt. Williams (+3/6) v. C. Blaker and G. W. Sewell (1-6).

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI. v. C.R.C. 2ND XI.

The 2nd XI. league match between the C.R.C. and the University, was won by the latter by 117 runs for 8 wickets to 39 runs.

Scores:—

Y. M. Shi, b Peterson	5
I. S. Wan, b Peterson	5
K. L. Chan, c Barnes, b Peterson	1
P. K. Wong, c Noronha, b Peterson	14
S. T. Wong, b Peterson	0
W. K. Chung, run out	0
C. E. Wong, b Youngsaye	0
K. C. Leung, b Peterson	0
H. Kew, b Lam	0
P. S. Tsai, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	39

Bowling Analysis.

C. W. Lam	7.2	1	15	1
C. A. Peterson	11	8	12	4
J. L. Youngsaye	4	2	8	1

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.

J. E. Noronha, c S. T. Wong, b P. K. Wong	14
C. W. Lam, c Shi, b P. K. Wong	1
C. A. Peterson, run out	18
P. K. Barnes, b Shi	1
A. K. Kwan, run out	27
H. Y. Leong, l.b.w. b Shi	0
W. H. Sling, run out	8
V. F. Vicaire, b P. K. Wong	4
A. T. Barma, not out	1
J. L. Youngsaye, not out	13
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wickets)	117

F. J. Hiptoola did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

C. E. Wong	5	0	33	0
P. E. Wong	9	1	30	3
S. T. Wong	4	0	9	0
Y. M. Shi	4	0	16	2
I. S. Wan	4	0	11	0

SUNDAY'S YACHTING.

SAILING BOATS THAT BEAT THE MOTOR BOAT.

According to programme a sailing race for cruising yachts was to have been sailed off on Sunday. In fact, the race was started, the cruisers passing a mark boat (a motor boat) in the fairway as the starting point. It was then the duty of this mark boat to pull up her anchor and to make for Discovery Bay where she was to act as a mark boat in that vicinity. The wind was fresh, just the sort of wind to help the cruisers along at a topping speed. The motor-boat was outdistanced and when the cruisers arrived at Discovery Bay there was no motor-boat there to act as a mark boat; consequently the race had to be abandoned. The result is rather amusing from the land-lubbers' point of view; but the jolly old sailor boys must have exploded all sorts of nasty language.

THE TRADEMARKS LAW CONTROVERSY.

DIPLOMATIC BODY TRYING TO EXTRACT CONCESSIONS.

WAICHAPOU ONLY RETURNING EVASIVE REPLIES.

PEKING, February 27th.

The Diplomatic Body have not yet received a reply to their Note stating the conditions on which the Powers are prepared to recognize the Trademarks Law. It appears that the Powers on December 1st sent a Note to the Waichapou requesting a general assurance that the new law would not operate in a way detrimental to foreign treaty rights. No reply to this Note had been received when the aforesaid Note was sent, but later the Waichapou replied giving an undertaking that the priority of trade-marks registered with the Chinese Maritime Customs would be guaranteed. This was not what the Diplomatic Body wanted as they were satisfied with the provision in the Trademarks Law which recognizes priority usage even though the mark is not registered with the Customs. In a further

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE JUSTICE JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPTON)).

A WELL CONDUCTED ROBBERY.

CHINESE RANSACK A PLACE.

Two Chinese—Lai Shu Kee and Lai Ping—were indicted for armed robbery with others not in custody.

Prisoners pleaded "not guilty," and were undefended.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, appearing for the Crown, said the affair was an armed robbery of the usual type. It occurred at 6.15 on December 24th last at 3, Wo Fung Street, occupied by the manager and assistants of a medicine shop. Five of six men, armed with revolvers, entered the premises, drove the inhabitants into one room, and bound and gagged them. The robbers then ransacked the place and departed with practically everything of any value. Amongst the property stolen were two coats, two pairs of trousers, a pair of spectacles, three pairs of bangles, some pearls, a pair of ear-rings, three watches and chains, \$270 in notes, fifty silver dollars, and some small money. A certain amount of violence was used in the course of the robbery. One victim, three weeks afterwards, still had the marks on his wrists of the wire with which he was bound. The robbers apparently, pent a long time on the premises, as they entered at about 6.15 p.m. and it was not until 9.30 p.m. that the tenants commenced to release themselves. The police were immediately informed, and Inspector Cotton was the first officer to reach the scene of the robbery. He sent two Chinese detectives and one of the occupants of the house to search for the robbers.

Soon afterwards the man, Cheung Sun identified one of them on a tram. The man was arrested. This was the first prisoner. He was wearing a long coat at the time. When this was unbuttoned Cheung Sun cried out that the man was wearing his (Cheung Sun's) trousers. He positively identified them. Prisoner was taken to the police station, where he was found to be wearing two extra coats and one extra pair of trousers, and a thick quilted coat, in a pocket of which were a pair of spectacles. All these articles had since been identified as part of the property stolen from the house during the robbery. The man apparently well clothed himself on the spot.

The second prisoner, continued Mr. Dyer Ball, was arrested two days later in a brothel in Wo Sung Street, where he had given a girl—at about the time of the robbery—a gold bangle and some money. He told her that he had "won" the money. The prisoner, when arrested, was wearing a rather flashy wrist-watch, obviously new, a finger ring, and three gold buttons. It was possible that some of the money stolen from the house had been spent by the second prisoner in adorning the girl and himself.

At identification parades subsequently held at the Central Police Station both prisoners were identified, the first by several of the victims, and the second by one of the victims.

Confirmatory evidence was given by a number of witnesses, including those who were in the house when the robbery took place, and police officers.

The first prisoner called his wife, who said that her husband bought the hat produced two years ago. The shoes also were his, and were bought at the same time. She identified other clothing produced as belonging to her husband.

The second prisoner made a statement, in the course of which he denied knowledge of the robbery. On the night of the affair he said he was at a brothel. He admitted giving a girl there some money, which he stated he won by gambling.

A girl from the brothel, called by the second prisoner, said he was in the house from 7 p.m. till past 11 p.m. on December 24th.

In summing up, the Puisne Judge pointed out that there was only one witness, and no corroboration, against the second prisoner. The case in regard to the first prisoner was altogether different. Here there were three definite witnesses against him, and most of the clothing found in his possession had been identified by people who were in the house at the time of the robbery.

The Jury, after retiring for five minutes, returned a verdict of "Guilty" against the first prisoner, and "Not Guilty" against the second.

The second prisoner was thereupon discharged, the first being sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour and 20 strokes of the "cat."

The Jury empanelled composed:—Messrs. A. MacDonald, T. Oliphant, E. H. Hazelland, Chan Chin-nok, T. W. Riddell, R. McKellar and J. C. Rozario.

Note, therefore, the Diplomatic Body removed Chinese misapprehension in that connection and now there does not seem to be any serious obstacle in the way of a final settlement.

Without casting doubt on the good intentions of the Chinese Government the Diplomatic Body point out that it is obvious that the Chinese Government will meet with serious difficulties in applying their law unless foreign expert assistance is employed. It has been hinted that the cost of such assistance will be considerable, but this is a small consideration in view of the amount of revenue China will receive immediately the Powers recognize the law. But if the Government invite the assistance of a Commissioner of Customs, familiar with the registration of trade-marks, that will probably be found satisfactory as a preliminary measure and will be taken as proof of the Government's desire to make progress in this important matter.—*Reuter.*

THE MISSING YAUMATI FERRY LAUNCH.

FRUITLESS SEARCH ALL SUNDAY NIGHT AND YESTERDAY.

LARGE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

The mysterious disappearance of the Hongkong-Yaumati ferry launch, *Kwong Shun*, from Hongkong harbour on Sunday evening, which was exclusively reported in yesterday's issue of the *Daily Press* still remains unsolved. Throughout Sunday night and all day yesterday a number of police launches and ferry launches belonging to the same Company were engaged in scouring the Coast and the waters surrounding the Colony for any trace of the missing vessel, but their efforts were not rewarded with success. In addition a message was sent to Macao enquiring if the launch had been seen in that vicinity, and the reply received from there was that the *Kwong Shun* had not been seen in that vicinity. Naval vessels have also been warned to keep a close look out for the vessel, which is believed to be in the hands of pirates. So far the Naval vessels have seen nothing of her.

Several theories have been offered as a solution of the boat's disappearance. One is that whilst on her passage across the harbour from Shum Shui Po to Hongkong she collided with a buoy and foundered. This theory does not appear to be sound for it is quite apparent that no matter how soon the vessel sank after such a collision she would have had time to send out some sort of warning of distress. Again, if she had gone to the bottom of the harbour some of the wreckage would have been found floating in the neighbourhood, whilst at least a few of the passengers—and there are believed to be about 50 on board—would be able to swim until they were picked up, or until they had reached some place of safety.

The other theory is that the ferry was held up by pirates shortly after she had left Shum Shui Po for Hongkong at 7.30 p.m. and that the pirates took the vessel out to sea, after "dowsing" her lights, going out probably behind Stonecutters' Island. How the pirates came to be on board also is a mystery—as it generally is—for they would have great difficulty in smuggling arms or board, as police and revenue officers are on duty at both the Hongkong and Shum Shui Po wharves; though it is stated that a large camouflaged wood trunk was placed on board the ferry launch at Shum Shui Po just before her departure. The pirates' fire-arms may have been concealed in this box.

What the pirates were after is merely conjecture. The prospects of a goodly haul of loot does not hold itself out as likely, though they may have been prompted by the desire to get the launch, which is valued at something like \$16,000. She is one of the best and largest boats operating in the Company's service. Then, again, pirates may have been tempted by the prospects of ransom of any wealthy passengers who had the misfortune to have been travelling across the harbour at the time.

At the time of her disappearance the *Kwong Shun* is estimated to have had on board something like nine tons of coal which is sufficient for four days' steaming at her normal speed of eight knots per hour.

The Police report of the occurrence was:—
"Wong Tsoi Ho, superintendent of the Hongkong and Shamshuipo Ferry Co., reports at 3.25 hours (11.25 p.m.) that the steam-launch, *Kwong Shun*, running between Shamshuipo and Hongkong, left Shamshuipo at 10.30 hours (7.30 p.m.) on the 2nd March, 1924, with passengers for Hongkong. The launch has not been seen since."

The lapse of time between the disappearance of the vessel and the reporting of the occurrence to the police is explained to some extent by the Manager of the Company, which is run in co-operation with the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company. He has stated that when the vessel did not put in appearance at Hongkong two other ferry launches, the *Man On* and the *Man Lok* were sent out to look for her, fearing that she had met with an accident. They searched the usual course taken by the vessel for some considerable time and finally had to give up in despair. The Management then got in touch with the Police and a search further afield was conducted.

THE LATEST NEWS.

A STARTLING RUMOUR: COMMANDEERED BY SOLDIERS.

Up to a late hour last night no news had been received of the missing launch. Police launches continued to search for her all day but without any success. In the evening a strong rumour prevailed in certain quarters that the launch had not been pirated but that she had been forcibly commandeered out of the harbour by a band of soldiers belonging to General Chen Chiung Ming for the purpose of transporting troops for the Spring campaign which is about to commence.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th inst. at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GORDON & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1924. [433]

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EARTHQUAKES EXPLAINED. HONGKONG'S PROSPECTS OF IMMUNITY.

When Captain Elliot and his congeners, in 1842, decided that the little island of Hongkong, in the eastern entrance of the Canton River, is "admirably suited for every purpose," and took the steps which led to the island becoming a British Colony, they builded better than they probably knew. For the scientific study of geology has developed only in recent years and it is unlikely that Capt. Elliot, or Lord Palmerston, knew—what Dr. S. J. Schofield, F.R.S.C., told an audience at the Helena May Institute last evening—that Hongkong has reasonable prospects of immunity from violent earthquakes (although tremors may be felt—and were—no longer ago than 1917). The reasons for this probable immunity are:—

- (1) Hongkong is not located near a "young" mountain chain;
- (2) It is not near one of the great "ocean deeps";
- (3) It is not near any volcanoes.

Dr. Schofield reached these conclusions by a series of interesting steps. First touching on the ascription by the ancients of earthquakes to "the writhings of Titans" and "the writhings of the gods." Dr. Schofield said that in later times science had attempted to give a more rational, if less romantic account of their origin. The general cause of earthquakes, he said, is the collapsing of the earth's crust in an attempt to adjust itself to a shrinking interior. This, and the resultant settling of the crust brings about three phenomena: (1) formation of mountain chains; (2) settling of the ocean deeps; (3) the extrusion of lava.

"Ocean deeps," the lecturer explained, are vast depressions in the bed of the ocean, which sink as low as 30,000 feet below the surface of the ocean. There are the Tuscara Deep, off the coast of Japan; the Challenger Deep, off the Philippine Islands; the Bartholomew Deep, off the coast of Chili, and many others.

"DEEP CALLETH UNTO DEEP."

Dr. Schofield went on to explain that the solid land masses of the globe—the continental segments—and the land under the oceans—in each case to a depth of 12 miles or so—are in a state of poise over "a potentially liquid substratum" (i.e., if the pressure above were removed, the central mass of the earth would become liquid.) The continental segments and the oceanic segments are balanced in such a way that any transfer of material from the continental segment, for example, to the oceanic segment, by erosion, is counteracted by movement of material from the base of the oceanic mass towards the land mass.

The continental and the oceanic segments of the earth are contrasted not only by position—the one high, the other low—but also by composition, the continents being made up of light rocks such as granite, shale, limestone, sandstone, etc., and the oceanic segments of heavy rocks such as basalt. It is because land rocks are lighter than ocean bed rocks that the whole earth is not covered by water to a depth of two miles.

THE EARTH BECOMING SMALLER.

Not only are inequalities of surface necessary to the existence of dry land, but the inequalities must be adjusted from time to time or the land area would disappear. This readjustment has been made again and again in geological history by movements which have given rise to the mountain chains of the world. The earth is becoming smaller by shrinkage. Thus the upper part of the earth's crust must be squeezed into smaller space, producing horizontal compression in the crust. Where will this vast pressure be relieved? In the weakest part of the earth's crust, which is where there are thick deposits of weak sediments along the edges of the continents. The balance of the oceanic segment and the continental segment has been destroyed by the transfer of material from the continent into the sea. The earth's crust is strong enough to withstand a certain pressure, but when this is exceeded the crust must give way along its weakest portion. Hence the periodicity of mountain building.

The earth's crust gives way where it has been weakened by the deposition of a great thickness of weak sediments. Hence the sediments are slowly compressed, into huge arches and basins (as when a sheet of paper or cloth is pressed together at the edges). The arches rise out of the sea as a series of long folds, parallel to the shore of the continent. The "young" mountain chains of the world are made up of sedimentary rocks of great thickness, yielding fossil shells typical of the period when they formed part of the ocean bed.

SEA-SHELLS ON MOUNTAIN TOPS EXPLAINED.
Even on Mount Everest the intrepid explorers have found fossil shells of Mesozoic age, embedded in the rocks at the height of 29,000 feet, which shows conclusively that the rocks of Mount Everest were deposited in the sea as a gravel, sand and shells; later slowly folded into mountain chains and raised to their present height. (No, he is under the hood, in any brief space of time; the lecturer estimated that the time which has elapsed since the formation of the coast range of Canada is 15 million years; of the Appalachians, 20 million; of the Rockies, 6 million, and of Hongkong ranges, 15 million years.)

(Continued at foot of next column.)

COLLISION ON THE TAIPO ROAD.

MOTOR-CAR GOES OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

In a collision between a motor-cycle and side-car and a Ford motor-car on the road near Taiipo on Sunday, the motor-car swerved down the embankment into a paddy field some fourteen feet below the level of the road. The car fortunately escaped damage and its occupants—Mr. Andrew Harper, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burford and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prickett, Miss Prickett and Miss Jeanie Reynolds—escaped injury. A gang of coolies soon pulled the car back on to the road, and this done the journey was continued. The motor-cycle was slightly damaged.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT HOLTS WHARF.

A large quantity of the cargo of the s.s. *Heungshan*, the river steamer which was beached near Junk Rock after going aground, has been recovered. The Harbour Office has issued a notice to all masters of river steamers informing them of the position of the stranded vessel and requesting them to pass the spot at slow speed, owing to the fact that the vessel is straining heavily.

CORRESPONDENCE. "HIS LORDSHIP."

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I presume that your correspondent will be satisfied with the Clerical Directory from which he borrows his *nom-de-plume* as sufficient authority in settling the matter to which he refers.

If he will consult that useful volume, he will find the words "Lord Bishop of" after the title "Victoria, Hongkong."

The only copy of "Crockford" I can find readily is that for 1910-17, but I have no reason to believe that any change has been made since that date.—Yours, etc.,

N.E.

Hongkong, March 3rd, 1924.

The sediments for the formation of the sedimentary rocks, which make up the "young" mountains, have been derived from the decomposition and wearing down of a neighbouring land mass by running water. In other words, to form a mountain chain one must be destroyed to furnish the material.

"The hills are shadows and they flow From form to form and nothing stands. They melt like mists—the solid lands— Like clouds they shape themselves and go."

Into the core of the rising mountain chain vast quantities of molten granite are intruded. Later these masses are exposed by the erosion of their sedimentary roof or cover. Such has been the origin of the granites of Hongkong.

The lecturer went on to say that when the folding of the earth's surface, under horizontal pressure, to which he had referred, takes place, the folding continues beyond the point of relieving pressure, because the moving masses are so huge, usually in short, sharp movements spread over a vast length of time. These movements produce the earthquakes so common along the "young" mountain chains of the world. The fractures associated with these earthquakes have a direction parallel to the trend of the mountain chain. The mere fact that the fractures are gaping crevasses shows that the earth's crust is in a condition of tension, or stretching, following the period of compression during which the mountain chain was formed.

Coming to the second cause of earthquakes—associated with the settling along the great ocean deeps—Dr. Schofield said this settling took place much more frequently than the formation of mountain chains and caused a stretching along the borders of the ocean deeps, relieved by intermittent breaking of the earth's crust, causing tremors or earthquakes. Where the ocean deeps were in close proximity to land, the earthquakes were the cause of much destruction to life and property. The Tuscara Deep, off the coast of Japan was, so far as known, the largest as well as the deepest of these vast sinks, so that Japan in the past had been, and would be in the future, the scene of devastation by earthquakes.

The third cause of earthquakes was connected with violent volcanic activity. Again one had to come back to the idea of a crust adjusting itself to a shrinking interior. The settling of the oceanic segments forced the lava to rise at the junction of the two segments. "If the lava had a free escape—as at Kilavea, near Honolulu, there were no tremors, but if the pipe was blocked for any length of time and great pressure accumulated underneath the cap, violent explosions might take place, giving rise to earthquakes."

Sir Claud Severn, who presided, in introducing the lecturer, mentioned that Dr. Schofield comes from the University of British Columbia to make a geological survey of Hongkong for the Colonial Government. At the close Dr. Schofield was heartily thanked for his interesting address.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN PRESENTS THE PRIZES.

Sir Claud Severn (the Colonial Secretary) distributed the prizes at St. Paul's College yesterday evening. The Bishop of Victoria was also present. The concert and presentations took place in the courtyard of the College, in which a temporary stage and stands were erected.

Sir Claud said he had to congratulate all concerned in arranging for a fine evening. When he was first asked to present the prizes, a month ago, the ceremony had to be postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. There was a great deal to be said for holding the proceedings in the open air. He was glad the school authorities were going to build an extension to the chapel, with a hall underneath it. He was also glad to see a new building on the right of the school's site, and hoped there would soon be one on the left to take the place of the present buildings, which—had, as it were, outlived their purpose.

This, concluded Sir Claud, was the best attended prize distribution he had attended in Hongkong, and the fact illustrated the feeling the scholars and their parents had for the headmaster and the staff. He was gratified to read in the report that students were being taught to help others. By so doing they were carrying out the Christian ideal, and he hoped the good work would develop as it deserved to develop.—(Applause.)

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report began by saying:—To-night we complete fifteen years of the present school's existence in St. Paul's College and it is satisfactory to be able to report further advance in several directions.

Attendance—Both enrollment and attendance have shown improvement. On 14th December there were 435 names on the roll and 472 in actual attendance, both of which figures are the highest yet recorded. The average attendance has also shown improvement, being 88 per cent. for the whole year and over 83 per cent. for the last four months. Also 47 students have had an unbroken record for the year; of these seven have now attended two full years without missing a single day, while of two others one, Loh Chi Hing, has done the same for three years and another, Chan Ping Kan, for four years.

Students—On the whole good work has been done in all the classes which has been reflected in the results of the recent Local Examinations, especially in the Junior Division in which we had 78 per cent. passes, a great advance on last year.

One noticeable improvement has been in the handwriting throughout the lower half of the school. There has been a fortnightly inspection of exercise books, with marks given for neatness, and a Challenge Shield presented to the best class, which has led to very satisfactory results.

Sports have, as in the past, played an important part in the school's activities. We were particularly gratified at winning, for the second time, the Challenge Shield presented by H.E. the Governor to the school winning most points in the Annual Schools' Sports, and also at winning the Relay Race in the same sports. We had many times been second but had never before won this race.

There was no Football League this year, but we have retained the trophies for the volley ball and basket ball leagues. Inter-class games were also organized and keenly contested and many friendly matches played with other teams. Swimming, too, was as popular during the summer and though no notable swimmers were produced, we closed the season with close upon one hundred who had passed the swimming test.

Extension.—In the way of bricks and mortar we note a further step in advance and it is with feelings of great satisfaction that we see the beginnings of the enlargement of the College Chapel and Wu Ting Fang Hall, which we have long needed. In fact it is just four years since Sir Claud Severn referred to this extension. It was largely through his kind offices that the preliminary stages were taken whereby we obtained the necessary land. We hope that this extension will now give sufficient accommodation to seat the whole school for morning prayers and roll-call, while the ground floor we hope to make into a physics laboratory.

Staff.—The usual many changes have taken place on our Staff. In the spring Miss Baker left us to return to her home in Australia and Mr. Peter Chan to continue his studies in the U.S.A. In the summer Mr. Bailey left us to take up missionary work in the centre of China, while later on we lost the services of Messrs. Fok Nai Hang, Yeung Kwai Chiu and Chung Sik Yan.

In their place we have been glad to welcome Mr. C. L. Bocher, who arrived from England in the spring, Miss Pile who came to us in the summer, and Mrs. Lack who joined us in September. Also two of our "old boys," Messrs. Ho Ka Lau and U Wing Chan, the former of whom has taken his degree at St. John's College, Shanghai.

In November our Staff was greatly strengthened by the advent of Miss Bondblack whose name as an educationist is well known in Hongkong, and soon after by the return from leave of Mr. E. G. Stewart. We are also glad to welcome three of last year's students into our Staff, Messrs. Fok Wing Kai, Hung Uo Cho and Mok Yuk Kwan.

We must again record our grateful thanks to Miss Pitts for her kind help in teaching Scripture in Class I, throughout the year, and to Miss Bascombe and Mr. Chan Kwan Lam for helping us in time of need. It is impossible to express how much the school owes to the steady plodding work of the members of the Staff who undertake with such ready cheerfulness their daily round, the common task.

The moral and religious side of the work, which to some of us figures most prominently, has been kept well to the fore. Several of the boys have been baptised during the year and one, we rejoice to say, has decided to enter the Theological College with a view to being prepared for Holy Orders. He makes the fifth of our students to take this step. Much useful work has also been done by the students. The free school at Causeway Bay has been kept going largely by the subscriptions of the boys and a Christmas entertainment was also given out of the same fund. The free night school, carried on in these buildings, by the Hostel boarders has had another successful year, and the boarders may well be congratulated on the zeal and perseverance they have shown in carrying on this useful work for a number of years. Every Thursday evening a band of the senior students has gone regularly to the Preaching Hall in Hollywood Road and addressed large numbers of men, while others have helped in taking Sunday School classes, singing in the Church choir, etc. During the summer holidays a summer school was held in these premises, in conjunction with a number of others carried on in different parts of Hongkong under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and several of the Staff and boys gave up the best part of a month to teaching and giving a happy time to small boys and girls off the streets. Altogether 125 children were enrolled and they were taught to read Chinese, drill, basket work, needle work, and what was perhaps as good as anything else, how to play games.

Another new venture this year has been the forming of a troop of Scouts in the school under Scoutmasters C. D. Becher and S. P. Wong. Though still young the troop has shown much activity, having been already to several camps and given a good account of itself at an inter-troop competition recently held.

It is not usual to sound a note of sadness in a report such as this, but we cannot leave unmentioned the loss so recently sustained by the school in the Home-call of Mr. George Barker who for the past four years has been a member of the College Council and firm friend of the school. When the Extension Fund was started for building the Hostel, he not only consented to be the treasurer but also collected subscriptions, and himself contributed largely to the fund.

To another member of our College Council, one who from the earliest days of the school has been a staunch supporter and friend, Mr. S. W. Tso, we extend the most hearty congratulations of the whole school on the well-earned honour he has just received in the form of an Honorary Degree at the University. This school owes a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Tso over a period of many years and we are glad of the opportunity of making public acknowledgment of it, and all the more because this life exemplifies what we never cease to emphasise in this school, and that is that the best life is the life spent in service for others. If we thought that in this school we were equipping boys only for money making and worldly success we should have small satisfaction in the work, but each evidence of a willingness to give up something for others, or a desire to serve others, gives an added impetus to our joy in the work and an increased stimulus to press forward to the ideal we have set before ourselves in our school song: "to send from these walls a noble band who will work for the good of their country."

WOMAN PRISONER'S ESCAPE FROM DOCK.

TOOK REFUGE IN A BUNDLE OF HATS.

Interesting details have come to light as to how the woman prisoner (a Chinese) held on a charge of poisoning her husband, escaped from the dock on Friday and evaded the police for one day by hiding herself in the basement of the Magistracy. It was first thought that the woman had made a clear escape from the Magistracy, and afterwards from the precincts of the Central Police Station. A very thorough search of the basement was conducted by a number of Police Officers including the storeman in which she was eventually found. All the stores were turned over, bundle by bundle with the exception of one bundle of hats which stood in a corner. As the searchers could practically see all round the bundle, the hats were not disturbed. The police went away and searched for the woman elsewhere. On Saturday afternoon a coolie had occasion to go into the storehouse to draw stores. He attempted to move the bundle of old hats and found them extraordinarily heavy. On investigating further he found the woman concealed right in the centre of the bundle of caps, which surrounded her completely. How the woman got into the storeroom is rather a mystery as the door was locked. She is thought to have climbed through the fan light over the door which, by the way, was well out of her reach. If she did this her effort is looked upon by the police as a prodigious one.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1924. [436]

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 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1924. [447]

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NOTIFICATION.
IT IS NOTIFIED to Those interested that **Mrs. FOWLER** and **Mrs. BYRNE** did not win a Cash Sweep at the Races.
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Mrs. BYRNE.
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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, the 4TH MARCH, 1924, at 11 o'clock** in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a Dividend.
 The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 19th February, 1924, until Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1924, both days inclusive.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 11th February, 1924. [346]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. **DODWELL & CO., LTD.**, on **THURSDAY the 6TH MARCH, 1924, at 11 a.m.**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1923.
 The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd February, to 6th March, 1924, both days inclusive.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 55,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such Call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, **THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**, in Hongkong, on the 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 1924.
 The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 16th March, both days inclusive.
 For and on behalf of the
HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.,
S. COUNTRY COOK,
 Secretary.
 Dated the 22nd day of February, 1924. [416]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.
 IN Future All Race Meetings held after the Annual Race Meeting will be known as "EXTRA RACE MEETINGS" and will be Official.
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CREATING A NEW POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE.

It cannot be said that the Labour Government in Great Britain has yet done anything in the sphere of foreign politics to justify the apprehensions which were expressed on the eve of its taking office. Mr. **RAMSAY MACDONALD**, in his capacity as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has necessarily set himself the task of seeking a way out of the impasse which has been reached in the controversy of Europe. The letters he addressed to Russia and to France were such as could hardly fail to enlist the approval of the nation he represents. There is little or nothing in them to which his predecessors in office could take strong exception. Their frank and conciliatory terms lay the necessary foundation for fruitful negotiation. So far as Russia is concerned, the Soviet is likely to enter into negotiations with a Labour Government with far more confidence than with either of its predecessors. A friendly atmosphere has been created. The test will come when the details—the essential conditions of amicable diplomatic relations—come to be arranged. If Mr. **RAMSAY MACDONALD** is able to make such terms with Russia as were indicated in his communications with the Soviet he will achieve a triumph which will make all Europe his debtor. It is too soon yet to predict a successful outcome of the effort; the changed attitude of Russia has yet to be more clearly revealed. Meanwhile public attention is concentrated on the correspondence which has recently passed between Mr. **MACDONALD** and Mr. **POINCARÉ**. There is nothing new in the Prime Minister's statement of the British point of view. It discloses no important divergence from the policy pursued by

the late Government, and its value lies only in the fresh appeal it makes for a less uncompromising attitude on the part of France. Some warrant is given in a phrase or two in M. **POINCARÉ**'s reply for assuming that the French are now prepared to acknowledge that, in the words of the British Premier, "neither the virtually unlimited expectations aroused at the moment of victory, nor the more specific assessments of 1921 bear any real relation to the economic situation to-day," for M. **POINCARÉ** expresses the hope that "after the Allied Governments have examined the reports of the experts they will arrive rapidly at a comprehensive settlement and ensure that Germany carries it out." If this could be taken to indicate that France is prepared to accept the conclusions of the experts, it would represent substantial progress towards Anglo-French agreement in this respect. "If," as Mr. **MACDONALD** says, "we can achieve agreement on the main principles which inspire us, and if these principles can be explained to our respective peoples and public opinion, then there is little doubt that many subsidiary problems, intricate and thorny though they have become, will not prove impossible of solution."

It has long been obvious that the League of Nations must eventually play an important part in this effort to promote European friendship, and it is of importance to note that M. **POINCARÉ** "hopes that the progress of the League of Nations and the development of international arbitration will soon justify the associated nations in proceeding with co-ordinated armaments which will not expose the most peace-loving to enterprises most warlike."

The most that can be said of this exchange of correspondence is that it creates a new atmosphere in which the whole question can be calmly re-examined; but at the present time the serious fact is, as General **J. M. MORAY** (who served for four years on the Inter-Allied Military Commission of Control in Germany) tells us in his recently published book on "The Present State of Germany," the Germans have not only evaded many of the disarmament clauses, but, while cheating the Allies out of reparations, they have carried out with the proceeds of their swindle "the vastest, most far-reaching, and most fruitful schemes of State enterprise ever undertaken by the nation which, in Lord **BIRKENHEAD**'s memorable words, 'thinks of everything.'"

The promotion of State factories for the manufacture of synthetic ammonia and aluminium, the contributions to vast electric-power stations—all these are but a few of the undertakings upon which public moneys have been lavishly expended, and all of them, he it remarked, have a military usefulness, though I do not say that this is their primary object." General **MORAY** is not unfriendly towards the Germans, but his general conclusion upon what is going on in Germany is summed up in these significant lines: "We in this country flatter ourselves that the war ended on January 10th, 1920: a future generation may yet describe the period in which we are living as an armistice during which the war was continued by other methods than rifle and howitzer; only to be resumed in all its carnal horror after the lapse of a few ambiguous years." That is the view universally shared in France and the view that inspires French policy. The hope for greater accord between the French and British Governments must lie in the provision of such safeguards as will remove, from the minds of the French—and from such British students of the problem as General **MORAY**—the apprehensions expressed in the paragraph above quoted.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens last month totalled 4.50 inches.

The Final of the Ladies' Open Championship Singles will be played at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Thursday, March 6th, at 3 p.m., when the Committee will be at home to members and friends.

At a well attended concert for boy scouts at the Seamen's Institute on Saturday, the Scout Commissioner (the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave) announced that during his absence on leave the duties of Commissioner would be carried out by Mr. C. Champkin.

A Chinese coolie aged 50 years met with a terrible accident at Holt's Wharf yesterday. He was knocked down by a truck, one of the wheels of which passed over his leg, practically amputating it. He was removed by ambulance to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

For plastering the telegraph poles of the city with the Napoleonic dictum, "Necessity knows no law," during the confusion that prevailed in Tokyo after the earthquake last September, a young printer has just been fined the sum of three hundred yen by the local court. In the course of the trial, the prosecutor argued that such a notice plastered at such a time was likely to incite a riot and demanded that the offender should be severely punished.

A book has been recently published by Lady Hosié bearing the title "Two Gentlemen of China." A London reviewer in his notice of the book remarks: "The conflict between old and new schools of thought appears to give rise to not a little social and domestic drama, and Republicanism evidently does not evince all the virtues associated with its name. Ostentation in clothing, according to one of Lady Hosié's Chinese friends, is one of its present emanations." Under the Great Pure Dynasty, it was considered bad taste for a gentleman or lady to wear finery at home or when visiting friends quietly. That was kept for official occasions; the same clothes did duty for many years. Now people think you poor and a nobody, and treat you with patronising air unless you constantly appear in new clothes." One of the first things that Lady Hosié was asked to teach her Chinese girl friends was the art of kissing, of which they had found English books so full!

WEDDING.
BARTHOLOMEW—LOGAN.

St. John's Cathedral was comfortably filled yesterday afternoon on the occasion of a very pretty wedding, when the nuptials of Mr. John Bartholomew, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bartholomew, of Glasgow, and Miss Dorothy Mary Logan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clements Logan, of No. 250, The Peak, were celebrated.

The bridegroom, who is with the firm of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey and Co., is well-known sportsman in the Colony, specialising particularly as a prominent polo player, having played on several occasions for the Hongkong Interpolo team. The bride is equally well-known and has taken an active part in plays produced by the Hongkong A.D.C., while her parents are residents of long standing in the Colony.

The Cathedral had been decorated by a profusion of white flowers and the tastefully arranged in clusters at the front of the Choir stalls. The service was fully choral and Mr. Frederick Mason presided at the organ. During the ceremony the hymn, "O Perfect Love" was sung by the choir and congregation. The officiating clergy were the Chaplain, the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, and the Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. T. F. Powell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, made a very pretty picture in a gown of silver tissue trimmed with pearls made in early Victorian style, with French tulle train. She carried an old-fashioned posy of tea roses, and was attended by four bridesmaids—the Misses Joyce Holyoak and Dorothy Holyoak, and little Beryl Arthur and Peggy Smith. All four were attired in organically trimmed silver with hats to match, and all carried old-fashioned posies of violets, making a charming picture.

The bride's mother wore a dress of cinnamon brown, with lace, and a hat to match. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. W. G. Saunders.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held in the Hongkong Hotel grill room which was largely attended. The newly-married couple are to spend their honeymoon at Fanning. Later they will leave for Scotland. The bride's going away dress was of tangerine georgette with cape and hat to match.

OBITUARY.
MR. W. BUDGE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Budge, who was for thirty years an engineer in the service of the China Navigation Company, serving for a large part of that time on various steamers on the "Australian run and China Coast steamers. The last nine years of his service was spent ashore, mainly as an overseer on the construction of new ships for the Company. On his retirement he went to Australia to reside and has passed away at Albany, W.A., death resulting from pernicious anemia. He leaves a wife and three children. Mr. Budge was for many years was a prominent member of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Hongkong and was Chairman in 1921. He was a keen volunteer, and during the war was Sergeant Major of L. Company of the Defence Corps and later when the Scottish Company was formed he became a member of it. Many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of his death.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

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CORRESPONDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTERS PUBLISHED.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAUTIOUS BUT HOPEFUL VIEW OF COMMENTATORS.

LONDON, March 2nd.
That professions and good intentions alone will not succeed in bridging the Anglo-French gulf is a fact which nobody endeavours to conceal in commenting on the evolution of the "new diplomacy." Several London newspapers mourn the absence of any essential change in M. Poincaré's oft repeated policy, and stress the continued fundamental divergence in the peace policies of the two Premiers; namely, sectional alliances versus universal agreement.

Liberal newspapers welcome M. Poincaré's reference to the League of Nations, as suggesting a new angle of vision. General satisfaction prevails that correspondence is "usefully proceeding from generalities to concrete issues," while unanimous praise is accorded Mr. MacDonald's efforts to create an improved atmosphere, as the weightiest factor making for an ultimate settlement.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, March 2nd.
The newspapers make lengthy comments on the MacDonald-Poincaré correspondence.

The *Matin* says the letters are absolutely sincere. The important fact is that there is now a determination to reach an understanding; furthermore, fundamental ideas are admitted on both sides.

The *Petit Journal* says the cessation of recriminations is a great step forward, but there is still a long way to go before an agreement is reached.

The *Petit Parisien* says that Germany must now realise that any attempt to play off Britain against France is doomed to failure.

The *Figaro* states that M. Poincaré's reply shows that France's demands are preliminary conditions to the realisation of British aims.

The *Echo de Paris* thinks that while Mr. MacDonald regards positive guarantees as of secondary importance, M. Poincaré attaches greater importance to this matter.

The *Journal* says the correspondence almost gives one the impression that for three years we have been victims of a nightmare, and all that is needed to make the two countries fall into each other's arms is to wake them up.

The *Guaiou* says it looks as though negotiations might now be opened in exceptionally encouraging conditions.

INFLUENCE OF BRITISH PREMIER'S PERSONALITY.

BERLIN, March 2nd.
The newspapers give prominence to the MacDonald-Poincaré correspondence. The *Montagspost* says Mr. MacDonald's letter is a historical document. For the first time leading Entente statesmen have thoroughly and frankly investigated all the political questions which are overhanging Europe like a cloud of poison. Undeniably, Mr. MacDonald's personality has wholesomely influenced M. Poincaré, and this will not be without its effect on the French people.

EARLIER CABLES.

MR. MACDONALD'S LETTER.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a letter to M. Poincaré dated February 21st, says he sees little prospect of their being able to attain an agreement with regard to the Ruhr, the Rhineland or the Palatinate unless they are first able by a frank and courageous discussion to achieve some unanimity with regard to essential purposes, to which these problems are merely subsidiary, for, when he considers their relations in their wider aspect he does not feel that their essential objects are so divergent. The British and French peoples both desire security; the French security against Germany; the British security against war. The problem of security is not merely French, but is a European problem.

CONFIDENCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED.

Their task must be to establish confidence, which can only be achieved by allaying international suspicions and anxieties. Whether this can partially be achieved by local demilitarisation and neutralisation, by the creation between certain States of bands of neutralisation, territory under mutual or even collective guarantee and supervision, or by some other means, is matter for careful consideration in detail. He believes that the League of Nations, by discussion and eventual action, might play an important part therein. The ascent and goodwill of every European country must be enlisted in support of this policy, which can only be initiated if France and England become agreed.

THE PROBLEM OF REPARATIONS.

The French desire reparations, mainly in the form of payments by Germany, whilst the British also ardently desire to repair the devastation of war by restoring the ruined markets and remedying unemployment. Before this problem can be discussed, however, reports by expert committees must be awaited. He hopes that they will draw Britain and France together and he sees no reason why this problem, if approached from its widest aspect and considered in conjunction with the cognate problem of inter-Allied debts, should not soon be solved so as to give England some hope of economic stability in Europe, and France an assurance that her just requirements will be met. Here again, if France can but agree, the co-operation of other European countries will be assured, and it will be possible for them to approach the United States as a united Europe, anxious by mutual sacrifice for an arrangement to cure the ills of the people.

ANXIETY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

Mr. MacDonald says the people of Britain regard with anxiety what appears to them to be the determination of France to ruin Germany and dominate the Continent, without consideration of Britain's reasonable interests and the future consequences to a European settlement. They are apprehensive of the large military and aerial establishments maintained not only in the eastern but also in the western part of France. They are disturbed by the interest shown by the French Government in the military organisation of new States in Central Europe. Finally they question why all these activities should be financed by the French Government disregarding the fact that the British taxpayer has to find over thirty millions sterling yearly as interest on the loans raised in America and also find large sums to pay the interest on the debts by France to Britain, to meet which France has not yet made nor proposed as far as they can see any sacrifice equivalent to their own. "Such popular sentiments are erroneous, though it may be they are factors which both you and I are bound to take into consideration."

PREPARING THE WAY FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

An application of Mr. MacDonald's letter says he refers to the friendliness of M. Poincaré's reply to his letter of January 25th, and says he desires at present to prepare the way for complete mutual understanding by reciting unreservedly his difficulties, and the manner in which he envisages the situation. He emphasises that it is his opinion that the differences in past cases were not wholly unavoidable. He is ready in future to re-examine the whole problem in its larger outlines and more essential elements. He dwells on the importance of public opinion in France and England, and says he has endeavoured not merely to interpret the views and desires of his own countrymen but also sympathetically to realise the opinion and needs of France. It is widely felt in England that, contrary to the Treaty of Versailles, France is endeavouring to create a situation which gains for it what it failed to get during the Allied peace negotiations. The view of his countrymen is that this policy can only perpetuate the uncertainty and dangers of a condition, not of peace but of war, and in the end will destroy whatever temporary security France may gain.

FRENCH APPREHENSIONS REGARDING GERMANY.

The British Premier admits the German menace to France is real, and the French have some justification for seeking more tangible safeguards instead of the lapsed Anglo-American joint guarantee. The French are also disappointed with regard to reparations. Neither the virtually unlimited expectations aroused at the moment of victory nor the more specific assessment of 1921, bear any relation to the economic situation to-day. British security is not menaced, but Britain's economic existence is gravely endangered owing to the acute and persistent dislocation of the markets of Europe, mainly due to the uncertainty of Franco-German relations, the economic chaos in Germany, and the ultimate uncertainty of Anglo-French relations. After alluding to British apprehensions with regard to French activities (as given above) Mr. MacDonald is of opinion that these states of opinion have vitiated Anglo-French relations in the past, and have often induced the two Governments to indulge in altercations with regard to the symptoms of the malady, without endeavouring with clarity and good sense to investigate the causes. It is a thoroughly unhealthy condition, which gives him much concern, and he believes disturbs M. Poincaré too. He is heartily anxious that they together try to give both these sections of French and British opinion some sense of confidence, on that basis of their fears and resentments being removed.

AN URGENT NECESSITY.

Nobody who has to observe British opinion to-day, says Mr. MacDonald, can afford to overlook the urgent necessity for reaching arrangements with regard to the Ruhr, Rhineland and Palatinate without delay. After dealing with security and reparations, (as above) Mr. MacDonald concludes by saying: "If they can achieve an agreement on the main principles which inspire us, and if these principles can be explained to our respective peoples and public opinion, there would then be little doubt that many subsidiary problems, intricate and thorny though they have become, will not prove impossible of solution; but if they allow themselves to be entangled in a mass of detail they will relapse into the old, wearisome round of controversy on points not fundamental." He again emphasises that the condition of Europe can only be remedied by joint Anglo-French action, undertaken with full sympathy for their respective requirements, and a wise regard for the interests of the world at large. He is fully prepared for such co-operation.

M. POINCARÉ'S REPLY.

M. Poincaré, replying on February 25th, expresses his full agreement with Mr. MacDonald's review of the questions and the methods for solution. He disavows all intention on the part of France either politically or economically to annihilate Germany or to annex one particle of German territory, though he suggests that the Rhine should be made a barrier against aggression. He declares that France's military and aerial establishments are exclusively designed to defend her against German revenge, and he emphasises that France has only lent money to the Little Entente States for purposes of defence in exchange for positive pledges, and so she has done nothing to prevent the payment of her own debts. The occupation of the Ruhr will cease on the day Germany pays her debts.

OCCUPATION OF RHINELAND.

M. Poincaré states that the occupation of the Rhineland will end when the Treaty conditions have been fulfilled and France's security guaranteed. He hopes that after the Allied Governments have examined the experts' reports they will arrive rapidly at a comprehensive settlement and ensure that Germany carries it out. He says that it is infinitely desirable that the question of inter-Allied debts should be settled simultaneously. France, like the British Cabinet, firmly intends to strengthen and magnify the role of the League of Nations. He concludes by dwelling on the necessity for the Franco-British Entente. The whole of Europe and humanity would have to pay the price of Franco-British dissensions.

A further message amplifying M. Poincaré's reply says that he expresses his keen pleasure at Mr. MacDonald's frank and friendly letter. He says he is ready to begin with him an examination of the great outstanding problems. The interests and desires of the two countries are altogether in harmony and both can only be satisfied by the same means. He declares that if France does not mean that the recovery of Germany should develop into a hegemony, she, herself, has no ulterior motive of Continental supremacy. No reasonable Frenchman has ever dreamt of annexing one particle of German territory or turning a single German into a French citizen.

SAFEGUARDS AGAINST GERMANY ESSENTIAL.

Apart from Alsace, France has never claimed the Rhine as the frontier, but she has only asked that Germany should no longer be in a position to use the Rhine as a military base for fresh attacks. France, whatever disappointments she has experienced, has never sought anything not recognised as hers by treaty. If her military and aerial establishments are scattered throughout the country it is because the administrative organisation and mobilisation requirements do not allow their concentration in the east. "But our army and air force are no more a sign of defiance to England than the aerial and maritime fleets of Britain are in your view a threat to France."

FRANCE AND THE LITTLE ENTENTE.

M. Poincaré, referring to French relations with the Little Entente, intimates that France will welcome England's adherence to this group of friendships as the best guarantee of peace, and hopes the progress of the League of Nations and the development of international arbitration will soon justify the associated nations proceeding with a co-ordinated limitation of armaments, which will not expose the most peace-loving to enterprise by the more warlike. He concludes: "No more than you are I able to imagine England and France separated from each other, or even indifferent to each other. We owe it to civilisation to remain united. Since our two Governments are conscious of this duty, it is impossible that we should not act together to carry it out."

MR. CHURCHILL AND THE CONSERVATIVES.

DESIRES TO STAND AS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Mr. Winston Churchill announces his willingness to stand as an Independent Constitutional candidate at the bye-election in the Westminster Abbey Division. He declares that he does not intend changing his position on main questions of public policy, but he wishes to co-operate with the Conservative Party in opposing the Socialist party and its allies, wherever they be. Mr. Churchill adds that there must be hundreds of thousands of Liberals who conscientiously feel similarly and see at this juncture no reason why they should not co-operate with the Conservatives on the lines of the late Government's King's Speech and Mr. Baldwin's recent fiscal declaration.

LATEST CABLES.

WRANGEL'S ARMY. LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME.

PARIS, March 2nd.
General Wrangel has arrived from Yugo-Slavia in order to confer with the Grand Duke Nicholas. His whereabouts have been kept secret and he has even refused to receive his ex-officers, but it is understood that the object of his visit is to discuss with the Grand Duke, not a possible anti-Bolshevik offensive, of which there is at present no question, but the situation arising out of the forthcoming recognition of Soviet Russia by Yugo-Slavia, which will necessitate finding a new home for Wrangel's army, which is now living on the land in Yugo-Slavia.

EARLIER CABLES.

TURKISH EXTREMISTS. BILL TO SUPPRESS THE CALIPHATE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 3rd.
An important session of the People's Party is being held to-day to discuss three bills for the suppression of the Caliphate: (1) the suppression of the Ministry of Pious Foundations; and (2) the abolition of theological schools.

The bill concerning the Caliphate provides for the deposition of the Caliph, the abolition of the Caliphate, the perpetual expulsion of all members of the Caliph family from Turkey within ten days, the forfeiture of their Turkish citizenship, the payment of a lump sum said not to exceed 300,000 liras, and the confiscation of all palaces.

The deportees are allowed a year to liquidate their private property through representatives.

It is expected the Party will accept the bill which will be rushed through the Assembly this afternoon.

LATER.
The People's Party overwhelmingly accepted the bill deposing the Khalif and abolishing the Khalifate.

ALARM IN RUSSIA.

PROFESSIONAL MEN EXILED.

RICA, March 2nd.
The Government's renewed activity in exiling not only adherents of the new economic policy, but professional men accused of currency speculation has awakened alarm in Russia. It is reported that President Bykoff has left Moscow for London to confer with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE. OIL SCANDAL INVESTIGATION.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.
The inquiry by the Senate Oil Committee has developed a new trail. It is declared that some telegrams from Washington to Palm Beach were in the old code of the Department of Justice, written by Mary Duchstein, ex-secretary to Mr. Burns (Chief of the Investigation Bureau of the Department of Justice) to the husband of an employee of Mr. McLean, publisher of the *Washington Post*.

In the Senate, where the resolution discussion ended in a demand for an investigation of Mr. Daugherty's administration of the Department of Justice, the Democrat, Mr. Caraway, declared that he held the Attorney-General responsible for the use of the department code in messages to Palm Beach.

He added that he would like to ask the President himself whether he had been communicating with Florida.

DAVIS CUP.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DRAW.

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.
The Davis Cup draw will be held at White House on March 17th, when Mr. Coolidge will draw the first number. Fifteen nations besides the United States will participate.

Ambassadors and Ministers will draw for their respective countries, and Mr. Coolidge will draw for the United States. The challenge round will be played at Philadelphia early in September.

By a settlement which has been arrived at the American railways will receive \$1,600,000,000 (about £4,000,000,000), in full satisfaction of all their claims arising out of State control during the Great War.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ARREST OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS. AT VLADIVOSTOK.

RUSSIAN ALLEGATIONS OF ESPIONAGE.

TOKYO, March 3rd.
With regard to the arrest of Japanese at Vladivostok, the Russians assert that the Japanese attempted to investigate the organic system of the Red Guard, the Red Fleet, and Soviet Administration, thus endangering vital secrets bearing on Russian welfare.

A subsequent search of Japanese homes revealed evidence warranting the arrests. The Japanese Foreign Office denies the espionage charge, accusing Russia of continuing petty annoyances in the hope of forcing recognition.

JAPAN DEMANDS RELEASE OF ARRESTED OFFICIAL.

PEKING, March 3rd.

The Japanese Legation has been officially informed from Vladivostok that on February 26th the residences of three Japanese officials were searched under a warrant issued by the Russian authorities.

Two officials were arrested the same day, and the third (Vice-Consul Gunji) on the following day.

Major Minotsuma, Captain Matsui and ten Japanese residents were also arrested.

The Japanese Legation received the first official report of the arrest of Capt. Matsui on March 1st. Mr. Yoshizawa (Japanese Consul at Peking) then called on M. Karakhan (Soviet Envoy to Peking) and asked him to ascertain the facts, and if they were as reported, to take immediate steps for Capt. Matsui's release.

M. Karakhan replied that he had no official report, but promised to ascertain the facts.

In light of the further developments at Vladivostok, Mr. Yoshizawa interviews M. Karakhan to-day.

[A Reuter's cable message from Tokyo, dated March 1st stated:—Despatches from Vladivostok report the arrest of eight Japanese officers and interpreters by the Russians, and the searching of the residences of five others.

Replying to a Japanese protest against the arrests, the Russians stated that they were free to arrest any foreigner under suspicion.

It is understood that the Japanese Government is referring the matter of these arrests to Mr. Yoshizawa (Minister to China) who will seek an explanation from M. Karakhan (Soviet Envoy to Peking) owing to the Russian not recognising Consul Watanabe at Vladivostok.]

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

REPORTS OF PRESIDENT TSAO KUN'S DEATH.

PEKING, March 2nd.

The Government requests Reuter's Agency to officially deny the recent reports of President Tsao Kun's death, or serious illness.

The President has been slightly indisposed, but the trouble is not serious.

SINO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, March 2nd.

The Chinese newspapers report that Mr. C. T. Wang has submitted a report to the Cabinet, which will be considered on Tuesday.

The report contains the proposed plan to bring the Russo-Chinese preliminary negotiations to completion.

MAN'S OLDEST HANDWRITING.

DISCOVERIES AT UR.

The British Museum authorities have issued a report received by the trustees from Mr. C. L. Woolley, leader of the joint expedition of the Museum and the University of Pennsylvania, which is continuing the excavations at Ur of the Chaldees and other sites in Mesopotamia. The joint expedition state that they can report, at the end of a month's work, discoveries of the greatest interest. The main body of workmen have been employed on the clearing of the Ziggurat, or staged tower, whose ruins dominate the plain of Ur.

Details of the discoveries made are given, and describing the contents of a small temple and its surroundings, the report says: "Such finds would have been, indeed, noteworthy to whatever period they belonged, but these are the more surprising, in that they are the oldest works of art in metal yet known."

"A marble tablet was discovered, inscribed in Sumerian, which records that this was the temple of the goddess Nin-khur-sag, built in her honour by the King of Ur, A-nun-pad-da, the son of King Mes-an-ni-pad-da, and the latter is known to us from the king-lists drawn up about 2,000 B.C. as a ruler of the First Dynasty of Ur. Taken at its face value, the Sumerian chronology would assign our statues and reliefs to a date somewhere about 4,500 B.C., even if that chronology has to be modified, we can yet say that our month's work has given us the oldest dated example of man's handwriting, and the oldest known triumph of the art of Tugal Chai."



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THE SALVING OF THE "RHEINLAND"

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STEAMER NOW SAFE IN TSINGTAO.

A remarkable feat of salvage has just been completed by Messrs. Wharlock & Co., Ltd., through their two tugs *Sampson* and *St. Dunstan*, which pulled the str. *Rheinland* off the sandy beach west of Chefoo, says the *N.Y. Daily News*. Local residents familiar with the vicinity may recall the situation and the long stretch of sand around the jutting point.

The *Rheinland* went on to the sands on February 7th, in the midst of the violent storms which at that time caused so much trouble to shipping in this part of the world: the *Persia*, *Blomberg* and several smaller boats coming to grief during the same 21 hours. It was impossible for the local tugs to proceed to the spot at once as they were busy bringing in the *Persia*, and so the *Damen Maru*, a small tug of 700 h.p., was brought over from Dairen, but her efforts came to naught, so further calls were received for the Shanghai ships. The *St. Dunstan* was despatched on February 13th at midnight and arrived 80 hours later. The *Sampson*, urged to leave, got under way on the 18th.

The *Rheinland* had evidently been driven by the terrific gale and surging waves, with her normal speed, head on to the beach, but the storm had swung her round broadside and the tugs found her in this position on arrival. Lightering was attempted but was found impossible owing to climatic conditions: so tugging was the only resource that remained. Neither of the tugs could work effectively at less than 1,200 feet distance; at a closer range the violent waters bounced them on to the sandy bottom and then up again. The closest that they ever got was 800 feet, but they could not remain here at all, so they went out to a workable distance. Two immense lines were run out on buoys and joined fast. The layman can hardly imagine a six-inch steel line and a 12-inch Manila rope, but that is what was used by each tug (125 fathoms of each). Fastened together the lines formed a massive link with the ship, unbreakable even in the terrible weather that prevailed.

The 4,000 h.p. motive power was applied time and again, with no seeming success. On two occasions the waves reached such proportions that the tugs dragged their anchors. The snow and ice made operations most miserable. Finally after gigantic efforts for three days, three hours and 30 minutes the combined efforts of the tugs proved successful and the *Rheinland* with her nose pointing outward, having had it manipulated from the broadside position, slid off into her depth—February 24th, 12.30 p.m.

It is impossible to tell the exact amount of damage done, but it is certain that both anchors were left by the vessel on the Chefoo beach. She went into Tsingtao under her own steam and was expected to arrive in Shanghai last week.

The *Rheinland* (Hamburg-America Line, Agents) is 419 ft. over all. Her gross tonnage 6,552, displacement 11,000, and is equipped with Diesel engines.

A BIG LAWSUIT.

JUDGMENT OF Y.5,210,000 AGAINST
KAWASAKI DOCKYARD.

The Kobe Court (Chiho Saiban-sho) on the 14th ult. awarded Y.5,210,000 to the Okura Mining and Commercial Company in the long-pending claim against the Kawasaki Dockyard Company of Kobe. The case arose some years ago, says the *Japan Chronicle*. The Okura Company claimed Y.10,000,000 on account of the refusal of the defendant company to take full delivery of an order for pig-iron.

A further dispute has now arisen between the two concerns regarding the payment of the judgment claim. The Okura Company, having deposited security to the value of Y.1,820,000 with the court authorities at Tokyo, claims to have the right to seize a credit of Y.6,000,000 due to the Kawasaki from the Navy Department, on a contract for warship construction. One of the secretaries of the Kawasaki Company is reported in the *Japanese Press* as saying that the shareholders will be protected against loss in this direction either by the depositing of counter-security to the amount of Y.1,500,000 with the court, or by the stopping of work on the warship, which is not yet finished.

10,000 MILES IN A SUBMARINE.

BRITISH VESSEL'S CRUISE.

About 50 British naval men last month set out in the K 26 on the longest voyage ever undertaken in a British submarine without a parent ship. Leaving Portsmouth, the K 26 was to proceed to Gibraltar, thence to Malta, and on to the Red Sea. She will travel roughly 10,000 miles and will be away from England for three months. Commander G. P. Thompson, of the Naval Intelligence Department, is in command, and the trip is being undertaken mainly as an experiment.

The K 26 is the largest submarine actually in commission. She displaces 2,140 tons and is steam-driven when on the surface, internal-combustion engines being used only when she is submerged.

In many ways she is a great improvement on previous craft of the K class, and except for X. 1—intended for quite different work—she is regarded as the finest submarine in the world.

There are cabins for officers and good living quarters for the ship's company who have quite a cozy time, as submarine life goes, but this form of sea travel needs getting used to. Even the few who are "on deck" while the craft is awash have plenty of discomforts. In rough seas the waves break over the boat so freely that all who are "topside" get soaked through, despite seaboots and oilskins. They have the advantage of fresh air, however, which is denied to the hands below. Probably the crew will find the Red Sea portion of the trip the most trying part in view of the heat.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1924. [413]

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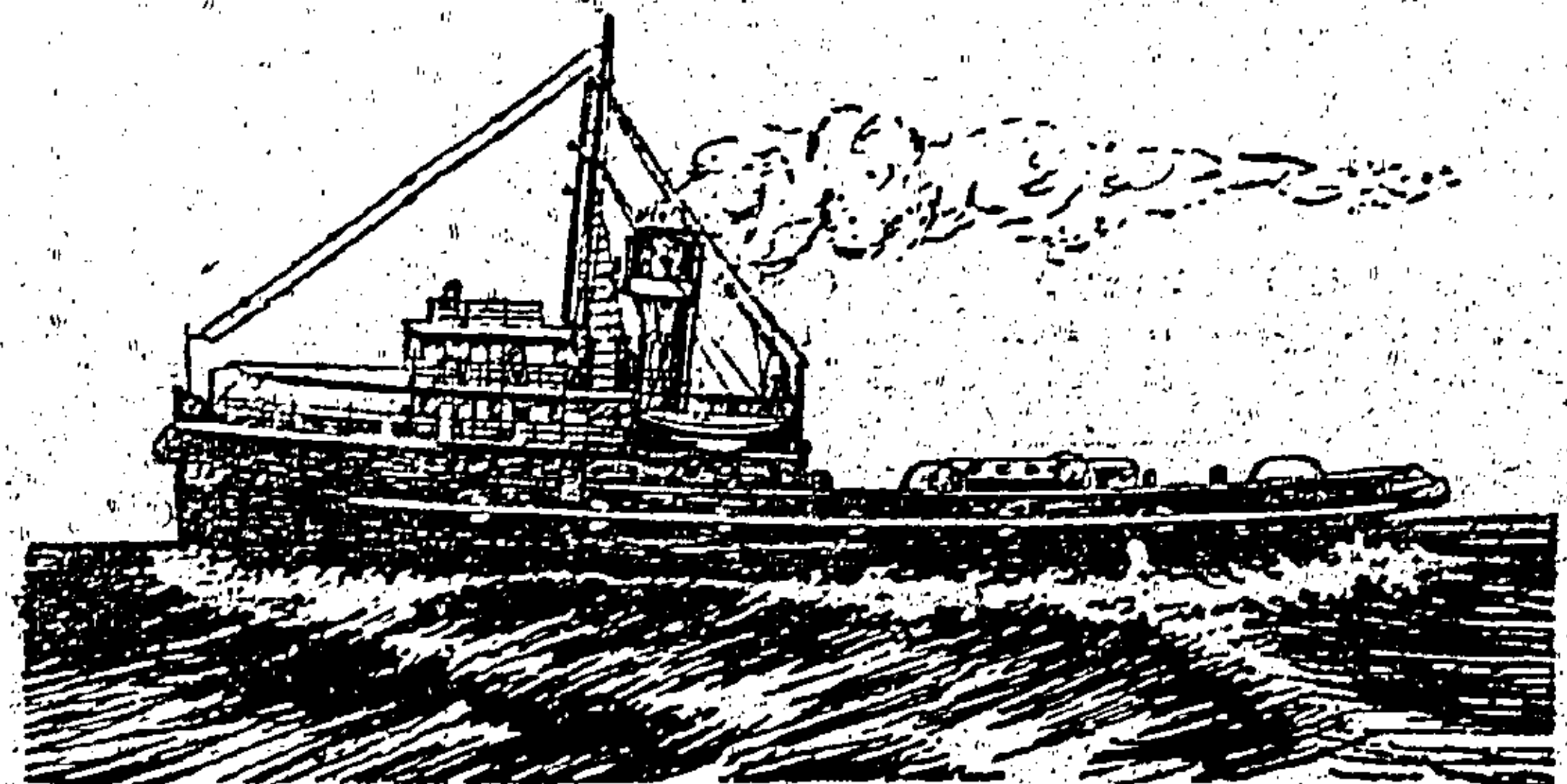
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